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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takamitsu ASANUMA

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/560,733

Examiner:

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Docket No.: 126277

For: EXHAUST GAS CONTROL APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 21, 2007 Office Action, and in consideration of the March 12, 2008 personal interview with the Examiner, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Edwards in the March 12, 2008 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. The Office Action, in paragraph 7, indicates that claims 2 and 5-8 recite allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates this indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 9 are also allowable for at least the reasons discussed below.